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SUBJECT:BICENTENNIAL GIFT

REF: MONROVIA 5266

1. OFFICIAL USG POLICY ON BICENTENNIAL GIFTS DESCRIBED IN A-5341, JUNE 21, 1973, STATES THAT WE NEITHER SEEK NOR EXPECT TO RECEIVE SUCH GIFTS. HOWEVER, SOME COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED TO MARK THE OCCASION WITH A CONTRIBUTION. SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN EDUCATIONAL OR CULTURAL IN NATURE.

2. SOME EXAMPLES OF GIFTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ARE:

A) AUSTRALIA: CHAIR IN AUSTRALIAN STUDIES AT HARVARD.

B) AUSTRIA: A CONCERT TOUR BY THE VIENNA PHILHARMONIC.

C) BRAZIL: PARTICIPATION IN SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

AND IN CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR. TRAVELING

EXHIBIT OF FOLK WOODCUTS FROM BRAZIL'S NORTHEAST.

GIFTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE INCLUDED OTHER KINDS OF

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EXHIBITS, BOOKS, AND TOURS BY VARIOUS PERFORMING ARTISTS.

3. WE NOTE THAT LIBERIA WAS REPORTED TO HAVE ISSUED A
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP AND IS PARTICIPATING THE SMITHSONIAN
FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL. THIS IS PERFECTLY ADEQUATE RESPONSE

TO U.S. BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

4. ON STATE VISITS THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY
NORMALLY PREFER TO EXCHANGE INSCRIBED FRAMED PHOTO-
GRAPHS RATHER THAN PERSONAL GIFTS. THEY ARE PROHIBITED
BY LAW FROM ACCEPTING ANYTHING OVER DOLS 50 IN VALUE.
NO FURTHER EXCHANGES WITH HIGH USG OFFICIALS ARE NECESSARY.
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